

REMARKS

The Office action of October 27, 2003, has been carefully considered.

Claims 13, 14, 18, 19, 32 and 33 have been found to be allowable over the art. In accordance with this finding, the independent claims in the application, Claims 8, 23 and 37 have been amended to incorporate the recitations of allowable Claim 13. As the independent Claims 8, 23 and 37 have been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter, it is believed that all claims in the application are allowable over the art.

In the Restriction Requirement mailed July 9, 2003, Claims 8, 23 and 37, *inter alia*, were found to be generic, meaning that either the extrusion port or the panel could be moved. In order to clarify the generic nature of Claims 8, 23 and 37, these claims have been amended to further specify the step of moving either one of the panel and the molding die with respect to the other of the panel and the molding die. This amendment is commensurate with paragraph [0097] of the published application.

Other amendments have been made to the dependent claims in accordance with the amendment to Claims 8, 23 and 37.

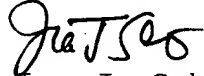
It was further stated in the Restriction Requirement mailed July 9, 2003, that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant would be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species written in independent form. In view of the proposed allowability of amended Claims 8 and 23, Applicants request that dependent Claims 9-11 and 24-27 which were withdrawn from consideration be reinstated in the application.

Based on the above amendments, withdrawal of the rejections of record under 35 USC 102(e) and 35 USC 103(a) is

requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of the application with amended claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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